

Save Loyd Road Fields

Planning Appeal – P17/1965/O

Upton Village Hall, May 22nd – 25th



Catesby are appealing the unanimous refusal of their application by SODC's planning Committee back in October. A good turn out by Town and Village residents at the hearing will show the inspector how much we all care about protecting our community and villages.

With Taylor Wimpey having just submitted plans for 903 houses the other side of Park Road, this really is an appeal to save the South of Didcot from unnecessary and un-needed development and your attendance really can make a difference.

What to Expect

The appeal inquiry will take place over 4 days at Upton Village Hall, Station Road, Upton, OX11 9HX starting at 10:00 am Tuesday 22nd May.

Catesby will make their case for building 135 houses in an isolated and beautiful part of Didcot, and SODC backed by the recent news of a 5.4 year land supply for housing will make their case against the already refused application. The final day will be a recap of the inquiry's events, with the inspector deciding the verdict at a later day (typically after 2-3 months).

Attending

We are not asking or expecting anyone to attend all 4 days of the inquiry and unless you have a job in planning most of it will be pretty tedious. What we are asking is that you find time to attend one morning or afternoon for a few hours if you can. A constant turnover of local residents will show the inspector how much the application has concerned us as local residents.

Speaking

The Inspector will ask at the opening of the Inquiry whether anyone wishes to speak in favour or against and he/she will take details including when those wishing to speak can be present.

Dave Llewellyn is happy to speak on behalf of the local community as he did back at the planning meeting at the Civic Hall in October. If any other local residents wish to speak they would be advised to get in contact with him to reduce any overlap in statements. Anything said should be restricted to planning based objections and kept below 5 minutes if possible.

Should you wish to speak it is imperative you attend the first day of the hearing!

Progress

We will keep you up to date with progress on our Facebook page, but you can also track the appeal on the Planning Portal website: www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals and search appeal APP/Q3115/W/17/3188474

The Planning Inspectorate has produced a 'Guide to Taking Part in Planning Appeals'. This is also available on the planning portal website.

Additional information can be found at:

www.Facebook.com/SaveLoydRoadFields

www.southoxon.gov.uk and search P17/S1965/O

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A quick reminder – The Catesby Application

Whilst currently for only 135 houses on a single field, this development could well set a precedent for future developments in this area (Taylor Wimpey). Catesby's plans actually show that they already have designs on the adjoining fields by including T-Junctions to the South and East for when the time comes.

The full colour plans can be viewed on the SODC website, or [Facebook.com/SaveLoydRoadFields](https://www.facebook.com/SaveLoydRoadFields)



Reasons presented for Objection

1. The Scheme is inappropriate for the area
2. The plans Contradict and undermine the Didcot Garden Town Delivery Plan
3. It would have a significant impact on the landscape
4. Impact on Traffic and Road Safety
5. Increases urbanisation and coalescence of Didcot and East/West Hagbourne
6. Flood concerns
7. Light pollution
8. Impact on schools and services

Thank You, and we hope to see you at one of the Appeal days.